

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A luggage device for carrying clothing, documents, computers or other items, and having load determination capability, which comprises:
 - (a) a main housing, said main housing having a top, a bottom, and walls, and having an opening area for insertion of one or more items into said main housing, said opening area including closure means;
 - (b) load determination means integrally connected to said main housing at said bottom, said load determination means having at least one base member at said bottom, said base member having a first position where it is not in contact with and resting on a separate surface under the weight of ~~said the~~ luggage device, and having a second position where it is in contact with and resting on a separate surface under weight of ~~said the~~ luggage device, such that when said the base member of ~~said load determination means~~ is in said second position, ~~said the~~ load determination means is capable of determining the weight of said luggage device and any contents therein; and
 - (c) load determination display means connected to said load determination means for displaying the ~~of~~ weight determined by said load determination means.
2. (Original) The luggage device of claim 1 wherein said load determination means is a mechanical scale means.
3. (Original) The luggage device of claim 1 wherein said load determination means is a strain gauge means.
4. (Original) The luggage device of claim 1 wherein said load determination means is a load cell means.

5. (Currently Amended) The luggage device of claim 1 wherein ~~said bottom of said main housing has a plurality of bottom pods, and~~ there are a plurality of said base members of said load determination means, and additionally comprising a plurality of bottom pods connected to said bottom, with at least one base member ~~is being~~ connected to each of said plurality of bottom pods.

6. (Original) The luggage device of claim 1 wherein said main housing has a generally rectangular bottom with four corners, and there are four bottom pods connected to said bottom, one of each of said four pods being located proximate each of said four corners, and there are a plurality of said base members of said load determination means and at least one base member is connected to each of said four bottom pods.

7. (Original) The luggage device of claim 1 wherein said load determination means includes at least one control chip and a portable power source to power said chip, said chip having sufficient capability to receive, store and display weight data from a load determination component and to said load determination display means.

8. (Currently Amended) The luggage device of claim 7 wherein said main housing includes user input means connected to said control chip, and said chip is programmable to set a start weight storage data, to obtain new weight data periodically, and to compare said start weight storage data to said new weight storage data, and to display comparative information on said load determination display means.

9. (Currently Amended) The luggage device of claim 7 wherein said main housing includes user input means connected to said control chip, and said chip is

programmable to set a start weight storage data, to obtain new weight data when said user input means signals to do so, to compare said start weight storage data to new weight storage data, and to send and display comparative information on said load determination display means.

10. (Currently Amended) The luggage device of claim 7 wherein said main housing includes user input means connected to said control chip, and includes an alarm connected to said chip, and said chip is programmable to set a start weight storage data, to obtain new weight data periodically, and to compare said start weight storage data to said new weight storage data, and to set off said alarm if said comparison exceeds a predetermined amount of weight difference.

11. (Currently Amended) A luggage device for carrying clothing, documents, computers or other items, and having load determination capability, which comprises:

- (a) a main housing, said main housing having a top, a bottom, and walls, and having an opening area for insertion of one or more items into said main housing, said opening area including closure means;
- (b) a handle located at said top of said main housing;
- (c) load determination means connected to said handle and to said main housing at said top, said load determination means having at least one base member, said base member having a first position where said main housing it is not picked up and suspended by said handle, and having a second position where said main housing is picked up and suspended by said handle with said base member being under the weight of said luggage device, such that when said base member of said load determination means is in said second position, said load determination means is capable of determining the weight of said luggage device and any contents therein;

- (d) load determination display means connected to said load determination means for display of weight determined by said load determination means;
- (e) said load determination means including at least one control chip and a portable power source to power said chip, said chip having sufficient capability to receive, store and send and display weight data from a load determination component and to said load determination display means, and
- (f) said main housing including user input means connected to said chip, and said chip being programmable to set a start weight storage data, to obtain new weight data periodically, and to compare said start weight storage data to said new weight storage data, and to display comparative information on said load determination display means.

12. (Original) The luggage device of claim 11 wherein said load determination means is a mechanical scale means.

13. (Original) The luggage device of claim 11 wherein said load determination means is a strain gauge means.

14. (Original) The luggage device of claim 11 wherein said load determination means is a load cell means.

15. (Original) The luggage device of claim 11 wherein said top of said handle has a plurality of connections to said load determination means, there are a plurality of said base members, and at least one base member of said load determination means is connected to each of said plurality of connections.

16. (Original) The luggage device of claim 15 wherein said handle two connections, each connection being connected to a base member.

Claims 17-18. (Cancelled).

19. (Currently Amended) The luggage device of claim ~~47~~11 wherein said main housing includes user input means connected to said chip, and said chip is programmable to set a start weight storage data, to obtain new weight data when said user input means signals to do so, to compare said start weight storage data to new weight storage data, and to send and to display comparative information on said load determination display means.

20. (Currently Amended) The luggage device of claim ~~47~~11 wherein said main housing includes user input means connected to said chip, and includes an alarm connected to said chip, and said chip is programmable to set a start weight storage data, to obtain new weight data periodically, and to compare said start weight storage data to said new weight storage data, and to set off said alarm if said comparison exceeds a predetermined amount of weight difference.

21. (New) A luggage device having a built-in load determination capability comprising:

- (a) a luggage holding bag having top, bottom and side sections;
- (b) at least one load determination mechanism integrally connected to the bottom section of said luggage holding bag;
- (c) at least one base plate connected said load determination mechanism and arranged such that the luggage device can be supported on a surface on said base

plate, at which time the weight of the luggage device may be calculated by said load determination mechanism; and

(d) a display means connected to said load determination mechanism for displaying calculated load results.

22. (New) The luggage device of claim 21 wherein the bottom section and base plate are round, and wherein said load determination mechanism comprises a load cell, and processor means.

23. (New) The luggage device of claim 21 wherein said at least one load determination mechanism and base plate are integrally connected by at least one support element attached to the bottom section of said luggage holding bag, and additionally comprising a processor means attached to said at least one load determination mechanism and display means.

24. (New) The luggage device of claim 21 additionally comprising a processor means connected to said load determination mechanism and said display means having sufficient capability to calculate, receive, and store weight data, and send weight data from said load determination mechanism to the display means.

26. (New) The luggage device of claim 25 additionally comprising user input means connected to said processor means and enabling a user to set start weight storage data, obtain new weight data, compare said start weight storage data to said new weight storage data, and displaying comparative information on said display means.

27. (New) The luggage device of claim 26 additionally comprising an alarm connected to said processor means that will sound if said start weight storage data exceeds a predetermined amount of weight difference from said new weight storage data.

28. (New) The luggage device of claim 25 wherein at least some of the connections between said load determination mechanism, processor means, and display means are wireless.

29. (New) The luggage device of claim 25 additional comprising a means for downloading stored weight information to a separate storage medium.